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PEACE EFFORTS TO AVOID STRIKE

MOVES BEING MADE TO CONCILIATE PARTIES CONCERNED—BIG FIVE LABOR HEADS AND RAILWAY OPERATIVES IN CONFERENCE.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Preparations for the various moves through which it is hoped the threatened rail strike will be averted were completed today and tomorrow the peace efforts will be in full swing.

Tonight heads of the unions and of the carriers were silently alert with—figuratively speaking—one eye on the conference tomorrow between the "Big Five" rail union leaders and the railroad labor board, and the other on meetings of officials of 11 unions which have not yet joined the conductors, engineers, trainmen, fire and switchmen in a strike order, for both sides were agreed that from tomorrow's conference would come the final answer as to whether a general walkout of rail employees would materialize.

In the conference with the labor board rested the possibility of the "Big Five" being persuaded to cancel their order for a walkout, while in the meetings of the 11 unions which actually started today is to be decided whether these organizations holding the balance of men though numbering three-fourths of the nearly 2,000,000 rail workers in their membership, would join the "Big Five" if they walked out October 30 as planned.

While the "Big Five" conference was looked on as the most important of the peace moves, railroad men tonight professed to see signs of a peaceful settlement of the difficulties in the attitude of B. M. Jewell, head of the 676,000 members of the six railway shop craft organizations, and J. C. Smock, vice president of the maintenance of way union, which numbers 300,000 men.

The shop crafts executive council met today but took no action other than to call in the conference committee of 100. The committee while having power to call a strike, also is expected to defer action by calling in the 1,000 general chairmen for a meeting Friday when the final attitude of these groups probably will be made known.

The maintenance of way executive council met only informally today, the formal meeting coming tomorrow when all of the members are expected to be present.

"I can not speak for my entire organization now but personally I will say that we do not want a strike, that we would never strike on the wage question unless forced to and that we will not go into any walkout with the brotherhoods unless we have definite promises of cooperation which so far have not been forthcoming from them," said J. C. Smock, maintenance of way vice president, tonight.

The labor board will go into conference with assurance of full support from every interested governmental department, its members said tonight following an executive session at which they went over the case. One member intimated he believed the board had found a legal method of enforcing its ruling. Heretofore, the board has maintained that it had no power to carry out its decisions and unions and railroad men have charged the other with violating the board's rulings.

COTTON MARKET

Spot: 19.25 to 19.50, with little selling.
December lost 32 points over night, closing today at 18.49, against 18.81 yesterday.

GREENVILLE WINS

The Greenwood Hi team was defeated yesterday by Greenville, the score being 14 to 0.

DO NOT EXPECT STRIKE TO COME

WASHINGTON IS OPTIMISTIC OVER OUTLOOK—BROTHERHOODS LOSE SYMPATHY OF PUBLIC WHEN ACCEPTING ONLY FAVORABLE DECISIONS

Washington, Oct. 20.—Sentiment on the part of the public has so firmly crystallized against the proposed strike of the railroad brotherhoods that Washington is optimistic to the extent of believing that there will be no strike.

The Harding administration is unyielding in the face of the demands of the brotherhoods. When a member of the senate, the president's support the Esch-Cummins railroad bill and the ill-fated penalty clause which ultimately was stricken out. In the present emergency, he stands for the public. During the previous administration, the brotherhoods had little difficulty in securing everything for which they expressed desire.

Public sympathy is withheld from the brotherhoods because, after having recognized the labor board, and accepted the verdict when favorable to them, it ignored the labor board and refused to accept its decisions when unfavorable to them.

The law of the land requires all disputes shall be submitted to the labor board. In 1920 the brotherhoods appealed for higher wages and wages were increased 21 per cent. The railroads accepted the decision. This year the railroads appealed for a reduction in wages. A reduction of 12 per cent. was granted. The brotherhoods failed to abide by the decision, and the strike was ordered.

Under the circumstances, it would be most profitable for the railroads were the brotherhoods to strike. Public sympathy is against them. Were they to inflict nationwide suffering on the people, and starve the babies in congested centers, the brotherhoods would bring about their own undoing. But congress, judging from interviews with its leading members in both branches, would avoid the strike for two reasons—to obviate suffering and death, and to prevent the unions from destroying themselves. The majority of the members of congress believe, it is indicated that unions serve a good purpose.

TO DECIDE ISSUE

Supreme Court To Hear Bond Muddle Case.

Meeting Wednesday afternoon in the office of the chairman, W. M. Barnwell, the board of trustees decided to carry the bond muddle to the supreme court for settlement. The court will be asked to decide what the present boundaries of the Abbeville School District are.

Originally the district included only the incorporate limits of Abbeville. Some years ago when a bond issue became necessary the district was extended by legislative enactment to include territory outside the town limits, so that enough taxable property would be included to make the bond issue legal. Still later another act was passed by the legislature in which the original limits of the district within the incorporate limits of the town, were spoken of as the boundary. If the boundary of the district is found to be the present incorporate limits of Abbeville, then the bond issue is illegal.

The board of trustees, according to Secretary Thomson of the Farmers Bank, if a decision is given in favor of the bonds, may go ahead and issue the securities already voted. On the other hand, if the board should take it for granted that the opinion of Hillsman and Company's attorneys is correct, and seek legislation to remove the obstacle found by the bond buyers, another election would have to be ordered to conform to the new act.

The board, pending the time when the supreme court makes a decision,

KEEN INTEREST IN WASHINGTON

CAPITAL WATCHES THE MEETING IN CHICAGO—PRESIDENT HARDING AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET ABSENT FOR DAY.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Interest in Washington in the strike situation was centered today in the forthcoming conference of brotherhood leaders and the railroad labor board tomorrow in Chicago. Hope that a definite program to avert the strike would result from that meeting was general in government circles.

With President Harding and several members of the cabinet out of the city, there was no announcement of further initiative by the government. The interstate commerce commission also maintained silence regarding reports that the tentative program of the Chicago conference would include provision for a reduction in railroad freight rates in proportion to the July cut in railway wages.

Attorney General Daugherty said the department of justice was giving "considerable attention to the matter" of the threatened transportation tie-up. He declined to elaborate on this statement, but there have been reports that agents of the department have submitted comprehensive reports based on investigation of the activities of both parties to the controversy.

The suggestion that certain provisions of the Adamson act and of the Esch-Cummins railroad bill were impeding "a prompt return to normalcy in railway rates and service" was made to Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee by the American Farm Bureau Federation, which served notice that "we will move at an early date for the repeal of these two measures, in whole or in part."

The federation plans to file tomorrow with the interstate commerce commission a petition asking "immediate reduction" in rates on basic commodities of from 10 to 20 per cent., the letter to Mr. Cummins said, adding that the petition would be accompanied by a request for "reflection of all reductions of operating expenses in lower rates until the freight advance since August, 1920, is eliminated."

Joseph H. Defrees, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, expressed confidence today that in the event of the strike commercial organizations throughout the country would take the lead "in maintaining the national life."

GOING TO CHATTANOOGA

Old Soldiers Will Go Strike Or No Strike.

The Confederate veterans of Abbeville County are preparing, with their usual intrepidity, to attend the annual reunion in Chattanooga next week, beginning next Tuesday, October 25, and continuing through Thursday.

Those who will go from Abbeville Monday are J. M. Gambrell, commander of the local post U. C. V., T. C. Seal, I. A. Keller and H. W. Gordon. They are enthusiastic over reports of the preparations that have been made for the entertainment of the veterans.

FIRST LEGAL EXECUTION IN CLARKE COUNTY, GA.

Athens, Ga., Oct. 20.—The death sentence was imposed jointly on two convicted negro murders by Judge Blanton Fortson in Clarke Superior Court this morning. Judge Fortson set the date for the double hanging on November 18. If the sentences stand, it will be the first time the life of a human being has been taken by law in Clarke county.

has called off all contracts already made in reference to the proposed new school building.

DIAZ WELCOMED BY MANY CHEERS

ITALIAN GENERAL GETS OVATION IN NEW YORK—NO SUCH DEMONSTRATION, PERHAPS, SINCE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED—SHOWERS OF CONFETTI.

New York, Oct. 20.—Gen. Armando Diaz, who led the armies of Italy to victory in the great war, was welcomed to New York today with cheering unsurpassed since the city hailed the military men of America on their return from the battlefields of France. Thousands of his own countrymen resident in the Italian colonies of the city shouted "Viva Diaz" and "Viva Italia" with volatile fever as the general rode through three miles of the business streets to his hotel. Office workers in downtown skyscrapers showered the procession with confetti and flying streams of ticker tape, reviving memories of the great celebration when the armistice was signed. Shoppers along Fifth avenue crowded the sidewalks to hail the passing hero with such an enthusiasm that General Diaz remarked the spirit was akin to that of his own countrymen.

The city, state and nation were officially represented in the party that welcomed General Diaz as he stepped from the gangway of the Giuseppe Verdi to the army tug Lexington, which brought him past the Statue of Liberty to a landing at the Battery.

Standing upon the bridge of the Lexington, better to view the lofty skyline of lower Manhattan, the general, surrounded by his aides and American military and naval officers, saluted the Statue of Liberty. A cheering that was not stilled until the notes of "The Star Spangled Banner" swept over Battery Park began as soon as the party landed.

The stern manner of a master disciplinarian, that military history had associated with this "man of destiny" and "savior of Italy," was missing today. Short in stature and agile as one-half his 60 years, General Diaz bore a happy mien, smiling always and recognizing salutations with gracious bows.

Tomorrow morning he will go to Oyster Bay to place a wreath upon the grave of Theodore Roosevelt.

W. C. HILL GETS CONTRACT

Newberry Man Lowest Bidder on Donalds Road.

W. C. Hill of Newberry submitted the lowest bid to the Highway Commission yesterday for the construction of the road from Donalds to the Greenwood county line. The price was \$15,489.88. The road is 7.36 miles long, the price per mile, therefore, being \$2,104.61.

Other bidders were Willard, Boggs & Co., of Spartanburg, \$2,090.30; R. P. Kyle of Charleston \$17,599.75; Blankenship and Phillips \$17,231.94. The commission also condemned topsoil at its meeting yesterday. The body will meet again October 1 to consider the question of the next road to be advertised for bids.

PACKERS STRIKE

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 20.—Eighty-five per cent of the packing plant employees of Omaha who voted in the recent strike referendum favored authorizing the executive board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America to call a strike in the packing industry if such action is deemed necessary to protect interests of the employees, according to J. W. Burns, secretary of the unions' district council No. 5.

Southern Railway Drops Men.

Cincinnati, Oct. 20.—The Southern Railway, whose men will strike October 30, according to the list issued by the railroad unions, has announced a layoff of about eighty men employed at the shops at Ludlow, Ky., effective next Thursday.

PREMIER GIVES BRITISH POLICY

LOYD-GEORGE SPEAKS IN PARLIAMENT—GOVERNMENT TO AID IN SOLVING UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY EXTENDING LARGE CREDITS.

London, Oct. 20.—Following closely upon the British government's announced determination to aid in solving the unemployment situation by the extension of extraordinary large credits and the declaration that no Briton is to starve, David Lloyd George, the prime minister, delivered a notable address in parliament today outlining the government's policy both with regard to trade and unemployment. The premier declared that the entire situation was the result of the world war and that a good understanding between nations together with trade rehabilitation was the essential remedy for a cure.

In outlining the government's proposals to alleviate unemployment, Mr. Lloyd George made the following striking declaration:

"Peace and good understanding among nations is vital. Let us get out of the atmosphere where if you talk about a German without a frown on your brow you are no patriot. Trade can not start in such an atmosphere. If you intervene to make peace, your motives are misunderstood, but if Great Britain will not do it who will. We stand for stability. We want to see the nations begin again the tasks of peace."

The entire speech was a plea that the country is suffering from the results of the war and a declaration that restoration rests upon the revival of industry and the rehabilitation of the purchasing power abroad and that a revival in trade depends largely upon the bringing about of a good understanding among nations.

Mr. Lloyd George spiritedly justifies the steps the government has taken already to meet the unemployment problem. He said the government proposed conditionally to guarantee interest on loans aggregating 25,000,000 pounds for use in capital undertakings providing employment or for the purchase of material for manufacturers and also to allocate 10,000,000 pounds for the assistance of relief work, and later the establishment of a fund for workers' dependents.

SENDS EXHIBIT TO FAIR

Fine Herefords From Parker and Reese Farm.

Nine fine Hereford cows and bulls were shipped yesterday from the Ellington Hereford Farm, belonging to Parker and Reese, to the State Fair in Columbia, which begins next Monday.

Among the herd are two winners of last year, Prince Real III, a 2,200 pound herd bull which was adjudged grand champion and won the blue ribbon in the three year old class. The other prize winner is Hoover Fairfax, a 1,300 pound, 18 months old bull, which won the blue ribbon in the bull calf class last year.

Others to be in the running this year are a 14 months old heifer, weighing 1,140 pounds, a six months old bull calf weighing 620 pounds, a cow 1,120; a 14 months old bull, 910 pounds; a ten months bull, 870 pounds; a year old heifer weighing 820 and a 9 months old heifer weighing 610 pounds.

Messrs. Parker and Reese pride themselves on the excellence of their breeding. They take great interest producing the best possible and they are more than likely to take prizes this year.

GO TO GREENVILLE

Several automobile parties attended the Clemson-Furman game in Greenville this afternoon, both teams having supporters in the city. Clemson seemed to be in the majority, however, and the Abbevilleans will add their voices to the noisy hopes of the Clemson rooters.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR SETTLEMENT

BROTHERHOOD MEN SAY THAT STRIKE CAN NOT BE POSTPONED BUT IT CAN BE SETTLED—SAID TO BE IN RECEPTIVE MOOD.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—The prospective rail strike cannot be postponed but it can be settled. This was the opinion of the four big brotherhood chiefs and the president of the Switchmen's Union after a conference this morning at which it was learned, they had considered all possible phases of the situation as they may be presented at the meeting this afternoon with the United States railroad labor board.

The meeting this morning saw the chiefs of the four leading brotherhoods and the president of the switchmen gathered together for the first time since the strike order was issued last Saturday.

The five presidents were in conference two hours, and adjourned shortly after noon ready to present a united front at the meeting with the labor board at 2 p. m.

After the meeting with the board the union leaders will resume their conference, and, according to present plans a statement of the situation as it then exists will be issued and signed by the five executives.

After the conference this morning, on which the executives refused to comment officially, it was unofficially learned that the unions were in a receptive frame of mind and hopeful of some development favorable to them from the railroad labor board that would avert the strike.

It was explained positively that no provision had been made for postponing the strike and that the hopes were for a settlement.

The union leaders declared they had no program to present to the board for settlement of the strike and that they were going to the meeting with an open mind, prepared to hear any proposals the board has to offer, and then proceed on that basis to discuss a possible settlement.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Bad Luck Follows Mr. Gregory's Announcement of Candidacy

Returning from Columbia last night the car in which E. W. Gregory and the Messrs. Hammond were riding turned over in making a quick turn in the road near Waterloo, Laurens County. Although the car turned three times before it finally came to rest on its side, Mr. Gregory was the only one who was injured. His head was lacerated in several places but he considers none of the cuts serious.

Mr. Hammond was driving the car and not being familiar with the road he could not see the quick turn in the darkness and the car, which was a new Overland Sedan, rolled over and over, the top being almost demolished. The running gear and body were not much damaged and the party came on to Abbeville in the machine.

While in Columbia, Mr. Gregory announced that he would be a candidate for railroad commissioner. The State having the following to say about it:

"While in Columbia yesterday on business, E. W. Gregory of Williamston, announced that he would be a candidate for railroad commissioner in the Democratic primary next summer. Mr. Gregory has never offered for office before. He is president of the Abbeville Telephone company, Bank of Coronaca and of the Gregory Live Stock Company of Greenwood.

"Mr. Gregory was educated at Furman university. While a native of Lancaster, he has lived at Williamston for many years."